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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - INTER-KOREAN RELATIONS

11. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Friday morning included the growing likelihood that an envisaged snap election on November 2 will be postponed, as well as the LDP's instruction to all GOJ ministries and agencies that they must alert and provide it in advance any policy-related data requested by opposition parties.

12. "Tensions to Last Long" The liberal Tokyo Shimbun wrote from Seoul (10/3): "Friday marks the first anniversary of the Inter-Korean summit between DPRK leader Kim Jong Il and then South Korean President Roh in Pyongyang in 2007. The joint summit declaration released following the meeting has become effectively nullified due to a change in government in South Korea in March. As Thursday's bilateral military talks at Panmunjom failed to produce any results, the cooling of inter-Korean relations, as well as bilateral tensions, is likely to last long in view of the reported illness of Kim Jong Il."

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